

SOCIAL EVENING FOR SCHOOL FACULTIES

WIT AND HUMOR CHARACTERIZE PROGRAM.

Parent-Teachers Associations Honor Principals and Teachers of City Schools.

To the strains of piano music furnished by Miss Charlotte Feger, the guests of the City Federation of Parent-Teachers Associations filed into the dining room of the First Methodist church Tuesday evening 225 among. The reception and dinner was in honor of the principals and teachers of the city schools. The invited guests were: Dr. F. W. Smith, pastor of the church; Commissioner M. D. Hufaker, Supt. C. H. Winder, Richard Hardy, C. M. Woodworth, F. Mahoney, Fred Cantrell, C. C.

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Moore, C. W. Howard, George Killian, J. H. Dalby, Miss Clara Wood and Miss Gertrude Wright. The names of the men will be recognized as among those who have given much of their time in behalf of the recent agitation for better schools.

The dinner committee was composed of Mrs. Alvin Shipp, Mrs. Myrtle Joyce, Mrs. James Ingle, Mrs. J. W. Agnew, Mrs. C. W. Meacham, Mrs. E. H. Spencer and Mrs. R. C. Richards.

Supt. Winder acted as master of ceremonies, and declared he was ignorant of the program only in so far as it was written, and as he himself was the subject of one of the keenest jokes, his surprise and embarrassment was sufficient evidence that he had not been put wise to the occasion. The incident followed a comendium asked by Miss Corinne Flynn from a remote corner: "When is a donkey like a Scotchman?"

"When he walks along the banks and brays," came the answer. It was at this point that the doorkeeper announced that a lady wanted to see Supt. Winder, and forthwith an attractive blonde in picture hat and velvet coat entered and made her way directly to the platform, and proceeded to address the victim of the joke in endearing terms, calling him "Charley," and reminding him of their meeting in Chicago, and again in New Orleans. In relief of the agit-

ADVOCATES OF WORLD-WIDE PROHIBITION

Nashville, May 28.—(Special.)—William J. Bryan and party, advocates of prohibition, arrived here today and appeared before the Nashville Rotary club on the subject of worldwide prohibition and enforcement of laws.

Union Rev. Smith arose to his right and declared that the man had a wife and children, whereupon the stranger tearfully said her farewell. She didn't know Supt. Winder at all, though, she was no other than Mrs. John Blevins, of Highland Park. Supt. Winder, in opening the program, introduced Miss Lillie Beall Keesee as one of "our grown-up children," and Miss Keesee sang in good humor, "The Monkey Man," and she was compelled to return and give an encore.

Big Things Handled. Commissioner Hufaker spoke on "Big Things," mentioning big dinners, big speeches that had preceded him, big salaries, and the biggest thing of all, he declared, which was the biggest surprise to him, was that a school teacher had just a while ago been able to sign a million dollar bond for Principal Carr. This was in a force enacted by Attorney C. W. Lusk appearing in the role of an officer, and the unsuspecting victim being the good-natured and modest principal of Junior High school. His bond having been placed at the enormous figures mentioned, his friend, Taylor Davis, had signed it. The commissioner then led up to a big site and expanded on the advantages of the eleven acres having been selected for the space it afforded for vocational departments, getting the shop noises away from the study halls, etc. He said there had only been one other site offered large enough, and

that had been on the east side. He said but for the hope of getting Chattanooga a new high school he would never have consented to be the commissioner of education when he did, four years ago. He said he believed the public would come to recognize the advisability of the site and said "we must have a howl either way, no matter where we put the building." The biggest thing of all, he declared, was the hard-working band of conscientious teachers.

Whistling Number. When Miss Lillie Beall Keesee was introduced as being able to whistle like a mocking bird, she went to the piano and playing her own accompaniment, justified the remarks of the master of ceremonies. Her number, as she announced, was not the time of humor, but rather of the more serious kind, and her whistling was marvelously executed. She was accompanied by the second piece, Richard Hardy was introduced as an ex-teacher, and a subject of the war. He sang a kind of bouquet he had been used to tossing before the bond issue was introduced. He had selected himself in a calamity meeting at the court-house and had been caught in the storm. He then sang "The Four Dimensions" in French. C. C. Moore made a toast to the ladies and presented a present to Miss Beall Keesee, a manual training department of the Chattanooga High school, which was accepted for him by Mr. Robinson. He opened the door of a humongous character.

The subject of Clem Woodworth's toast was the Fair, and he said he had had Supt. Winder and introduced him as he did, calling him by his first name, for he was so afraid he was going to introduce him as "The Monkey Man." His talk was replete with ready wit and humor. "The Fair" as he named the subject, was a telling tale that he had gone to school to some of them, closing with an eloquent flow of rhetoric, he presented Mrs. A. S. Dickey, musical supervisor of schools, with a baton, all wrapped in tissue paper, which when opened proved to be nothing more than a switch.

Miss Clara Carpenter, on the subject of "Parents," told of what the Parent-Teachers had done for the First District school, the conditions before they took hold, and the things which they had supplied the school with. C. W. Howard made a talk brimming full of good humor on "Drinks," being connected with the chamber of commerce he said he had Chattanooga, and he had frequently been to some very reluctant admissions about the schools, but Chattanooga today owes the Parent-Teachers association a debt of gratitude for what they have accomplished along this line, saying, "but for their efforts the children might have gone along in the same trend for a quarter of a century to come."

All during the program confounders were flung out by various teachers like the sparkling drops from a refreshing fountain, and always created bursts of laughter.

One of the best jokes perpetrated was by Miss Lillie Keesee who presented the stenographers' union, and having heard of the small salaries paid the teachers, she came to offer them some of the cast-off clothes of the union members.

Mrs. Herman Feger was assisted in receiving by the executive board of the city federation and the presidents of the different school associations. Mrs. Feger, who presented a print georgette combined with taffeta, Mrs. T. P. Walker, chairman of the program committee, wore a silver-toned gray satin with touches of peach blossom georgette about the waist and a corsage of pink roses. Mrs. N. H. Fegan, who was in charge of serving, wore black georgette heavily beaded in jet over a black satin skirt.

The tables were adorned in vases and baskets of pink roses, except the one in the city, which had held dates on it. Supt. Winder closed the program with a toast on "Tanks" in which he paid tribute to the association and the good time they had given the teachers; in fact he would "like them to make it an annual affair, and would collect if they should propose to have it weekly." "Taps" was then truly sounded from the doorway by the bugler, Pook Smart.

The program committee was composed of Mrs. T. P. Walker, Mrs. M. Blevins, Mrs. L. B. Bryan and Mrs. C. L. Carter.

Have you a room to rent? Phone Mr. Mond's a want ad, Main 350, for quick results.—(Adv.)

HIT BY TIRE RIM

J. R. Kent Rushed to Local Hospital. J. R. Kent, a driver for the Chattanooga Transfer company, was seriously injured Wednesday morning when a tire rim blew off of his car, striking him in the temple. He was rushed to a local hospital in Wain's ambulance, where he was getting along nicely. Kent was bending over the tire in front of the fire air attachment of the Southern Rubber company on Market street, inflating one of the casings when the rim blew from the rim. The steel struck the young man in the temple and on the knee, severely stunning him.

WILL AKE STATEMENT

J. B. Robinson Intends to Reply to Mr. Betterton.

J. B. Robinson, president of the American Manufacturing company, and whose plant was burned down on May 14, stated Wednesday that he intended to reply to the statement of Commissioner T. C. Betterton and Assistant Fire Chief E. A. Weigle and would present some pertinent facts regarding the fire. Mr. Robinson maintains that if the fire department had arrived on the scene earlier, the plant could have been saved. He will deny that he has been a frequent violator of the fire laws, as was charged by Mr. Weigle. He will make some statement regarding the insurance.

Auto tires are advertised in News want columns at money-saving prices.—(Adv.)

CARDEN QUALIFIES

Files His Petition With Election Commission.

Frank S. Carden, candidate for reelection to the office of city attorney, filed his petition with J. B. Robinson, secretary of the election commission, Wednesday. Thirty qualified voters signed the petition, and included the names of some of the most prominent lawyers and citizens in the city.

KANSAS' MARRYIN' JUDGE

This Judge Marries 'Em Goin' and Comin'. Junction City, Kan.—(N. S.)—Probate Judge Darius Hurler, "the in' judge" of Geary county, is getting the soldiers both coming and going. Up to the time the armistice was signed last November the judge was marrying the soldiers of Camp Funston at a fast clip. Then "business" dropped off.

Now, with the return of thousands of Kansas boys, not to mention the Missouri, Oklahoma and other soldiers, business is picking up, he reports. Many of the boys became "bachelors" by distance," by mail, and the girls are hurrying here to have the ceremony performed when the boys return.

The judge declares that those that didn't get married before they went "overseas" are getting as soon as they come back.

COUNTER-CHARGES

FLUNG AT OWNER

BETTERTON IN DEFENSE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Says J. B. Robinson Persistent Violator of Fire Laws. Building Not Fireproof.

Commissioner T. C. Betterton read before the board of commissioners Tuesday afternoon a lengthy statement from Assistant Fire Chief E. A. Weigle in defense of the work of the fire department on the night of May 14 at the American Manufacturing company. The statement was in answer, Mr. Betterton said, to J. B. Robinson, president of the concern, who, in a published statement after the fire, said that it was his opinion the plant could have been saved had the fire department responded soon enough.

Commissioner Betterton said the criticism of the fire department was most vicious and uncalled for. He also stated that the building was not fireproof, as stated by Mr. Robinson, but was one of the best firetraps in the city. The insurance, he said, was not \$5,000, as was stated by Mr. Robinson, but records at the Tennessee inspection bureau showed that the insurance was \$53,500.

Mr. Weigle stated that the fire department was getting poor service over the wires of the American District Telephone company, which are wires installed by the Western Union. He recommended that unless this service was improved the system be discontinued. Mr. Betterton said he had been told by the company that New York were now in the city and were going over the service and would improve it.

At the report of Mr. Weigle was made at the instance of Commissioner Betterton, and the matter was fully investigated. Regarding the turning in of the alarm, Mr. Weigle said:

"First we take up the matter of receiving the alarm of fire which came in over our Gamewell board over the American District Telephone company's private phone at the Acme Kitchen Furniture company. Seventeenth and N. C. & St. L. crossing. Kn-Eino companies answering this alarm were Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, and truck and chemical companies. At about a minute after the first alarm was received, the operator of the American District Telephone company corrected the first alarm and gave the location of the fire as Chattanooga Brewing company, which is on the opposite side of the city from the first location of the fire. By the time the correction was made, or a minute after the first alarm was received, the fire was out. The alarm for the corner of Chestnut and Water streets, which is the location of the fire alarm box."

"As soon as this box had rung in the location at Fourth and Market streets, Box 22 was pulled at the Extract Wool and Merino company at Market and Water streets. You will see by the first alarm that four out of the five companies answering in the district in which is located the American Manufacturing company had answered the alarm at Seventeenth and N. C. & St. L. crossing, leaving just once company, No. 3 Engine company, to answer in this district, and the company which has up No. 1 in her district, No. 4. Both companies responded without any delay whatever and the companies answering the alarm at Seventeenth and N. C. & St. L. crossing had no fire in this vicinity. The fire was not of the American Manufacturing company's building, proceeded without further delay was not would say that the delay was not more than two or three minutes caused by answering the first alarm."

Mr. Weigle then went on to say that the building was not of fireproof construction, and one of the worst fire risks in the city. He said that a night watchman at the corner of Chestnut and Water streets, had been placed by the fire department for no other reason than to protect Mr. Robinson's plant. The building was of the poorest construction, he said, and had a roof constructed of wood and tar paper. Mr. Robinson was also charged with being one of the worst violators of the city's fire laws. He said in addition that the state fire marshal recently had to be appealed to in an effort to get Mr. Robinson to obey the law. The building was without a watchman, he said, and was located in one of the darkest parts of the city and had no automatic fire alarm system. Mr. Weigle commended the work of the officers and men of the department, saying they did all in their power to put out the fire.

NAVAL POLICY CHANGED

Great Fleet Would Be Out of Keeping With Peace Idea.

Washington, May 28.—The policy of the navy department for a fleet "second to none in the world" has been temporarily abandoned. Secretary Daniels, appearing before the house naval affairs committee yesterday to outline the needs of his department for the next fiscal year, recommended that the entire 1919 three-year building program of ten battle-ships and ten battle cruisers be abandoned, saying that the trend of the world towards universal peace and the operation of the proposed league of nations made competition for supremacy of the seas no longer necessary.

The naval secretary asserted that as the United States had taken a foremost part in promoting the league of nations, it would be this nation's duty to show faith in the covenant by refusing to authorize large additions to the fleet. Work on the 1919 program, he said, should be completed as soon as possible, but the 1920 program, which is estimated would involve expenditure of more than \$1,000,000,000, should be "wiped off the slate."

"There can be no half-way ground," he told the committee which will initiate all legislation. "Either we must have the league to safeguard the interests of every nation, or the biggest navy in the world."

Explaining the reasons for the navy department's change of policy, Secretary Daniels said that when he appeared before the committee last December and urged additional ship construction the associated government had not begun consideration of a league of nations plan and conditions made it necessary that the United States should not be caught again as unprepared as it was at the outbreak of the war.

"But since then," he said, "the covenant has been drafted and a new era for the world has begun. Peace will make the place of bloodshed. It will be for the interests of all nations that the United States should set a precedent by stopping where it is." Mr. Daniels said that if the United States did not launch new building program, other nations would follow the example and change their naval plan accordingly. Great Britain, France and Italy, he asserted, were waiting on the United States.

"When I appeared before the naval committee last December," Secretary Daniels said, "I recommended a new three year program and the committee favored the construction of ten additional battle-ships and ten additional scout cruisers. That, however, was before the peace conference was discussed. Since then the allied nations have been in conference and have drafted the covenant of league of nations in which I have the greatest confidence."

"Since America has initiated this covenant which shall begin a new era in the world we shall show our confidence in that covenant by not at this time authorizing again this increase in

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the new building program." Secretary Daniels reiterated the statement he made before the committee last winter that if a league of nations would not be one of the outgrowths of the war, the United States should have a navy "second to none in the world."

Only Two Courses Open. "The three or four courses for America to pursue," the secretary said, "We must either have a league of nations which shall safeguard the interest of every nation and bring to an end the former method of competitive armaments, or we must have the biggest navy in the world. There is no middle position. The safety of the country demands it."

"Since last December conditions have changed. The covenant is on the eve of adoption. I firmly believe that congress should not approve additional construction further than that authorized in the 1918 program."

Chairman Butler interrupted to declare "he would not approve of any further increase even if the covenant were adopted. He would like to see some time to come."

"The keels of two of the ten dreadnoughts authorized in 1916 have not even been laid. I consider that it would be wisest course to hasten construction of the first authorized and stop authorizing any in addition."

Secretary Daniels said there probably was some reason why Great Britain had not gone further with its building program.

WHOLESALE FIRM COMING

Chattanooga, known the world over for her manufactures, may also win fame as the fashion center of the south and distributing point for ladies ready-to-wear clothing. Morris Bart & Company have secured a lease on the old Betterton-Wallace shoe building on Market street and will install a complete line of dainties and ready-to-wear garments of all qualities and cheap for wholesale trade only. It is the plan of Mr. Bart to supply the states of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama from the Chattanooga wholesale house. Some five or six salesmen will scour the cities of the southern states and the ready-to-wear trade will be lured from the "Dynamo of Dixie."

The building occupied by the ready-to-wear makers has five floors above a basement, providing ample room for show rooms and stock storage. Carpenters are at work on the building remodeling, installing fixtures, showcases and the other requisites of a wholesale fashion store. The garments sold by

Bart and Company are made up east, while the hats will be made in Chattanooga. A stock valued at something like \$250,000 will be kept on hand in Chattanooga on the average the year around. The firm has had offices in this city for some time, making their headquarters in the Hamilton National bank building.

According to S. Rifkin, who has been here with the company for some time, there are bright possibilities in Chattanooga for an establishment of the kind his company will install. There has been a long felt need for a wholesale ready-to-wear house here. Several local wholesale drygoods and notions dealers have been after the Bart company to establish a big stock building in Chattanooga for several months. There were scarcely no wholesale ladies' clothing houses in the south. Chattanooga was one of the pioneers in the field. Mr. Bart is establishing a house in Knoxville very similar to the one here.

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